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ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed November 23, 2001, which response is being made on or before December 23, 2001, and for which no extension fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, namely Claims 14-26, 41-55, 71-84 and 86.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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